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SECURED SOFTWARE PATCHING AND UPGRADE METHOD FOR DENSELY DEPLOYED NETWORKS HAVING SPANNING-TREE TOPOLOGY

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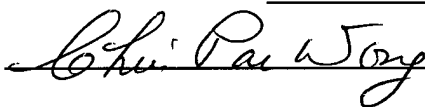
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